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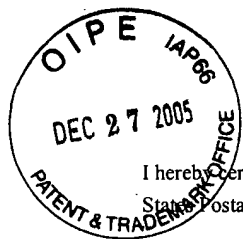
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By Anna L. McNeill

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sebastian J. Maerkl et al.

Application No.: 10/670,997

Filed: September 24, 2003 ✓

For: MICROFLUIDIC LARGE SCALE
INTEGRATION

Customer No.: 20350

Examiner: Stephen M. Hepperle

Art Unit: 3753

REQUEST FOR EXCUSE OF ERROR IN
ESTABLISHING SMALL-ENTITY
STATUS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Small-entity status was erroneously established in the above-identified application without intent to deceive. Excuse of the error is requested. 37 CFR §1.28(c).

The following is an itemization of the total deficiency payment due, setting forth all payments erroneously paid as a small entity:

| Payment | Small-Entity Amount Paid | Current Large-Entity Amount | Deficiency |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Utility Filing Fee | \$385.00 (2/10/04) | \$1,000.00 | \$615.00 |
| Excess Claims (33) | 297.00 (2/10/04) | 1650.00 | 1353.00 |
| Excess Independent Claims (5) | 215.00 (2/10/04) | 1000.00 | 785.00 |
| Declaration Surcharge | 65.00 (2/10/04) | 130.00 | 65.00 |

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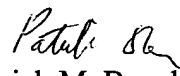
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| Total | \$2818 |
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It is thus believed that the deficiency amount owed is \$2,818.00. Including the applicable fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i), the total amount due for excuse of the error is thus believed to be **\$2,948.00** which the Office is authorized to deduct from Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Should the amount due be determined by the Office to be otherwise, the Office is authorized to deduct the determined amount from Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Respectfully submitted,


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